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CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

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PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST CHURCH,

LAFAYETTE COUNTY, MISS.,

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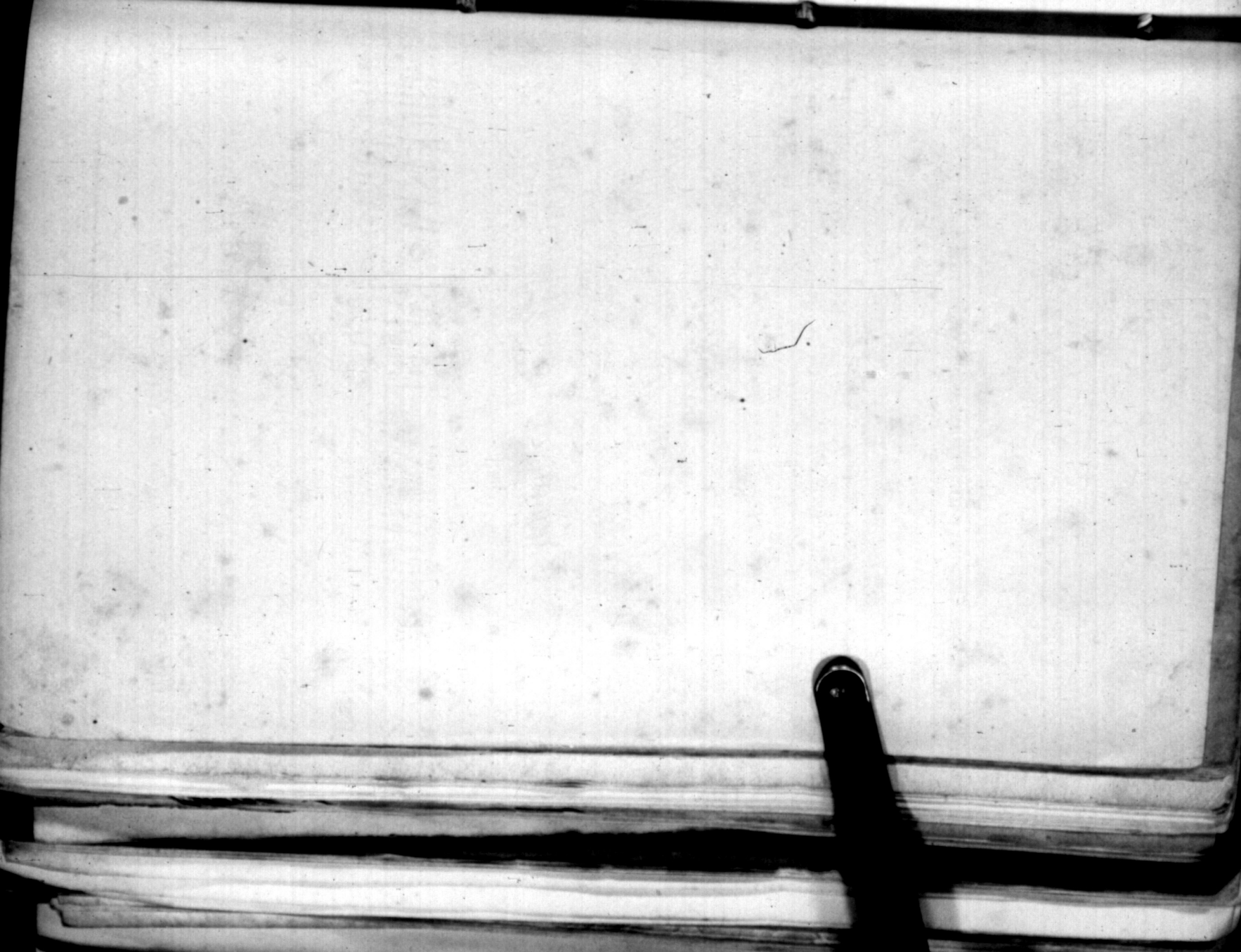

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Chickasaw Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 16, 1881.

The Forty-Second Annual Session of the Chickasaw Baptist Association convened with Philadelphia Church, on Friday, before the third Sabbath in September, 1881.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. G. W. Potter. Text: Matt. 9:29, last clause.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The business of the Association was introduced by the Moderator reading 133d Psalm.

Prayer by Eld. L. Ball.

The letters of the churches were read by Eld. D. C. M. Bigham and Bro. F. Souter.

On motion, The rule to elect by ballot was suspended, and the former officers were elected by acclamation.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Enon church presented a letter for membership, which was received.

On motion, the former order of business was adopted.

On motion, the following members were appointed as a

Devotional Committee, to-wit: Bros. D. E. Mitchell, F. Souter, and the Deacons of Philadelphia Church.

Called for Correspondence. On motion, all brothers, from any body with whom we correspond, were invited to seats with us. A special invitation was extended to Elders A. H. Booth and L. Ball.

On motion, the rule to select the place to hold the next session of this body by ballot, was suspended, and Shiloh Church was unanimously chosen by acclamation, and Eld. J. T. Pitts to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. W. W. Finley, alternate.

On motion, the Association adjourned to half-past 8, Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. I. Smith.

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SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. D. C. M. Bigham.

On motion, The regular order of business was suspended and a call for correspondence renewed.

The following Associations were represented:

From the Calhoun Association—Elders H. L. Johnson and R. F. Stokes.

From the Tippah Association—Elders L. Ball, W. E. Berry, E. F. Wesson and H. L. Finley.

From the Judson Association—Eld. D. J. Austin.

From the Oxford Association—Eld. R. G. Hewlett and Bro. Jno. F. Jackson.

From the Aberdeen Association—Not represented.

From the Cold Water Association—Not represented.

From the Tishomingo Association—Not represented.

From the Baptist State Convention—If any were present it was overlooked by the Association.

The regular order of business resumed.

On motion, the subject of Domestic Missions was made special order for 2 o'clock, Saturday evening.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted, and after earnest and instructive speeches by Elders L. Ball and A. H. Booth and a cash collection amounting to $20 40, on motion, it was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions.

Our Foreign Mission work is a success. By modern science the heathen are brought to our doors. The wail comes to us from the benighted heathen world, "Come over and help us." He who reads the missionary intelligence from foreign lands, is thrilled with emotions of love and gratitude to the Savior of the world for putting it into the hearts of so many of our brethren and sisters to consecrate their lives to this grand and God-honoring work, and more; that he is thrilling the hearts of so many of our people to give the heathen the gospel of salvation. If all our people could read from month to month our Foreign Mission journals, they would give more to the cause of Christ, in that direction. Let us hear the words of Christ: "Occupy till I come." If every lover of Jesus could feel that he and she were called to be foreign missionaries, how great would be our resources—and it is true that we are called unto this work. The same "Holy Ghost" that said unto the church at Antioch, "Separate me, Paul and Barnabas, for the work whereunto I have called them,"—says to us, do likewise. Our own State has three men and their wives in foreign fields, viz.: Bro. Simmons and wife, in China; Bro. David and wife, in Africa, and Bro. Eager and wife, in Italy. Our mission work, at home and abroad, is our grand life work. How shall we best perform this work? I would suggest that we "lay by in store one cent a week for the heathen;" that would be fifty-two cents a year for each member of the church. That seems to be a very small amount indeed; but there are 1,200,000 Baptists in the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention—that would give us $624,000 instead of $42,000 last year. That would enable us to do fifteen times more work than we are now doing, and at the same ratio of increase for the next twenty years, we would have such a working force in heathen lands, that the tidal wave of gospel lights would begin to meet each other, and soon the glad song would begin, "The

earth is full of the knowledge of the Lord." All this, growing out of this small contribution, one cent per week, fifty-two cents per year per capita of Southern Baptist membership. This would be the grandest investment that could be made by any people on earth. It is a fact, that the conversions among the heathen are greater in proportion to the number of laborers than in Christian lands, and that there are more heathens converted to christianity through Baptist missionaries than by all other denominations. This is a call from the Lord to double our diligence in this good work.

Will our pastors, all over the Association, wake up to the importance of this matter, and see that they average fifty-two cents per member during the year. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth: there is that withholdeth and it tendeth to poverty." Perhaps, brethren, this accounts for some of us being so poor; we have been robbing the Lord of His mission money, and he is repaying us in drouths and pestilences, and misfortunes generally. Let us do better.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, Ch'n.

The Association adjourned at 11 o'clook to hear a sermon by Eld. A. H. Booth. Text: Gal., 2:20.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. R. G. Hewlett. Special order of the day arrived.

Report on Domestic Missions as appears in minutes of 1880, was adopted, and after discussion by Elders W. W. Finley, R. G. Hewlett, L. Ball and A. H. Booth, a collection was taken up in cash, and pledges amounting to $252 00.

On motion, said report was adopted.

On motion, it was agreed to, that for the report of Domestic Missions and that of Sabbath-Schools, the reader is referred to minutes of 1880.

The following amount was pledged by the following churches to be paid, if possible, by the first of March, 1881, for Domestic Missions:

Temperance Hill.....	$ 5 00	Cypress Creek.....	$ 5 00
Duncan Creek.....	5 00	Liberty.....	15 00

Bethel, L. C.	12 00	Bethel, U. C.	5 00
Pleasant Hill	10 00	Spring Creek	5 00
Salem	10 00	Shiloh	10 00
Enon	10 00	Mt. Pisgah	5 00
Pleasant Ridge	10 00	New Albany	5 00
Amaziah	20 00	Cherry Creek	20 00
Fredonia	10 00	Midway	10 00
Cairy Springs	5 00	G. W. Alford Indv.	5 00
Friendship	10 00	Union	5 00
Poplar Spriugs	5 00	Philadelphia	10 00
Shady Grove	5 00	Bluff Springs	5 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00		

On motion, a special committee on Finance was appointed to-wit.: Bros. H. D. Blaylock, W. C. Pitts and J. T. Brown.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 8½ o'clock, Monday morning. Prayer by Eld. W. E. Berry.

Preaching at the Association, except those who are mentioned elsewhere in the minutes, is as follows: At the church Friday night, Eld. I. Smith; at the church Saturday night, Eld. W. E. Berry. Text, Mark 16:15-16. On Sabbath, at the church, at 10 o'clock, Eld. L. Ball, followed by R. G. Hewlett, at 11½ o'clock. At Christians' Rest, Sunday at 11 o'clock, Eld. J. T. Pitts. At the church Sunday night, Eld. R. F. Stokes. Text: Rom. 1:16. At Christians' Rest, Sunday night, Eld. H. L. Johnsan. Text: James 1:27. At Christians' Rest, Saturday night, Eld. C. W. Smith. Text: 1st Thes. 4:16. The preaching was excellent.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met according to adjournment. The Moderator being absent, the clerk appointed Eld. L. Ball, pro tem. to open the business of the Association. Prayer by Eld. G. W. Potter. Moderator present.

Report on Mississippi College was submitted and discussed by Elders W. W. Finley, G. W. Potter, L. Ball, W. E. Berry and A. H. Booth. On motion, was adopted.

Report on Mississippi College.

Your committee would make the following report: A more noble and efficient corps of professors never presided over its destinies; its work in the past is a sufficient guarantee for the future. Contemplete for a moment our condition in the State, were it not for those who have been fitted for the great work in which they are engaged. Remove them all from our borders and strike from existence the College, and a half century would not be a sufficient time in which to repair the damages which would result to the denomination. We therefore, recommend our College to all those who have sons to educate, and especially to all our young brethren who feel the good Lord has called them to preach His glorious gospel, and we further recommend all our denomination to patronize our College, as patronage is the life of all colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY,
W. L. SOUTER,
J. T. SHORT.

Report on Education was read and discussed by Elders W. E. Berry, A. H. Booth, L. Ball, G. W. Potter, R. F. Stokes, and W. W. Finley, and, on motion, said report was referred to the committee for amendment.

On motion, the Association adjourned at 11 o'clock, to hear a sermon by Elder A. H. Booth. Text: 1st Corinthians, 3d chapter, 16th verse.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met at 1 o'clock, P. M. Prayer by Bro. Simeon Hughes.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to the delegates from the following churches: Temperance Hill, Fredonia, Pleasant Hill, and Pleasant Ridge.

On motion, the report, as amended, on Education was again submitted and adopted without discussion:

Report on Education.

Education means instruction, the formation of manners. It comprehends all that series of instruction and discipline which is intended to enlighten the understanding, correct the tem-

per and form the manners and habits of life. So the object of education is to prepare for usefulness, and should begin very early in life.

It is of very great importance to begin right in this work. We feel sure that there are but few who recognize and appreciate the importance of a good education, even in manner, arts or science. These are all very important, indeed, and, if neglected, will prove a great calamity to any people. A religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests upon parents and guardians in this matter. It is to be sorely lamented that so little interest is manifested by our people in this subject. Some, indeed, will speak favorably of education, but they evidently do not feel its real importance, or they would be willing to do something for its promotion among the people. We think some plan ought to be devised by which the minds of our people generally may be aroused, and so aroused that some decided action in favor of education may be taken.

As to the means and facilities for obtaining an education, they are certainly quite abundant.

We have many good schools and colleges in our midst, at which young men and boys can be well prepared for their work. We think, however, that the common, or preparatory schools are too little esteemed and patronized. We need more good preparatory schools, where the fundamental principles of science and art are taught, and a practical education furnished to those whose means are too limited to enable them to get a collegiate education.

We suggest the importance of building up good schools in every neighborhood. Give more attention to your school interest, see that suitable and proper persons have charge of your schools, then sustain them, co-operate with your teachers. Make them feel that they are honorable and useful members of society, and that you cannot do well without them. Let us rise from the deep sleep into which many have fallen and see and do our duty in this matter, and God will bless us abundantly.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER,
E. HALE,
B. E. MITCHELL.

The report of the committee on Finance, read and adopted:

Report on Finance.

Your committee on Finance ask leave to report the following amounts sent up for minutes:

Amaziah,	$1 26	New Albany	$1 45
Abbeville,	1 25	Mt. Pleasant	1 65
Bethel, L. C.	1 30	Mt. Pisgah	1 70
Bethel, U. C	1 40	Midway	75
Bluff Springs,	2 45	New Hope	2 30
Cypress Creek	1 25	Oak Grove	4 85
Cherry Creek	3 75	Poplar Springs	1 00
Cary Springs	40	Pleasant Ridge	2 00
Duncan Creek	1 50	Pleasant Hill	2 15
Friendship	2 00	Philadelphia	2 25
Fredonia	1 60	Piney Grove	1 20
Liberty	2 45	Spring Hill	1 25
Pleasant Dale	90	Temperance Hill	1 00
Shiloh	2 00	Toccopola	2 00
Shady Grove	1 45	Union	2 00
Salem	2 50	Zion Hill	1 20
Spring Creek	2 15	Enon	75

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. BLAYLOCK,
W. C. PITTS,
JOHN T. BROWN.

The report on State of Religion was submitted, and after a short discussion by several of the brethren, on motion, was adopted:

Report on State of Religion.

Your committee to whom was referred the report on the State of Religion, respectfully submit that the letters from the various churches show considerable progress in revivals and baptisms, also, in the awakening of many who are now seeking the way of life. But the churches are not yet fully up to their work in weekly prayer meetings, sabbath-schools and missionary work. While our ministers are faithfully preaching the word of life every member of the church should realize that they also have a work to perform, and without further delay, in earnest prayer and faith, should fully consecrate themselves to the work of the Lord, and most assuredly the results would be great. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Then how strong might we grow going

from strength to strength in the Lord, until all may learn to know Him, whom to know aright is life eternal.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK SOUTER, Chairman.

The report on Obituaries was submitted and adopted without discussion.

Report on Obituaries.

Since our last meeting three of our veterans have been called to lay down their armor at the feet of Jesus, viz: Elder James Boswell, Eld. W. T. Reynolds, and Eld. Joshua Smith. These brethren will meet us no more in our councils. Their familiar faces and faithful counsel we no longer have. Their absence makes a wide vacuum in our ministerial ranks. God has taken them to himself in a ripe old age; let us thank him for giving them to us so long. We should rejoice that they have entered into their rest, and pray that the Lord of the harvest would send more laborers into his harvest. What more can we say concerning these fathers in Israel? Their record is on high, and in the hearts of those who knew them. The lives of these brethren will appear more at length in the history of this Association, when it is completed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. FINLEY, Chairman.

The report on Documents and Publications was read and adopted without discussion.

Report on Documents and Publications.

We, your committee to whom was referred the report on Documents and Publications, respectfully submit the following: We recommend to take and read the Baptist Record, the Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal, and Kind Words, and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, with the Constitution, Articles of Faith and the Rules of Decorum, and that he have so much of the District Meetings published as relates to the time and place of the meeting, also, the names of brethren to preach stated sermons, queries, and brethren to write essays, and that he be allowed $7 50 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. M. BIGHAM, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer,

In account with the CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION:

1880. Dr.

Sept. 20.	To cash collections at Association		$36 60
"	" per Eld. C. W. Smith		15 00
28.	" Spring Hill Church (H. L. F.		1 70
"	" Temperance Hill "		4 00
"	" Abbeville "		15 00
"	" Salem "		1 00
"	" Amaziah.. "		2 00
"	" Mt. Pisgah "		3 00
"	" Oklimeter "		2 00
"	" Liberty "		1 85
"	" Mt. Pleasant "		3 00
"	" Salem "		1 00
"	" Philadelphia "		1 00
Jan. 14.	" pr. N. M. Berry,		35 00
"	" J. A. Rogers,		5 00
"	" Mt. Pleasant church		8 50
"	" Cherry Creek church		3 50
"	" Pleasant Ridge church		13 85
"	" Liberty church		2 50
28.	" J. M. Tucker		5 00
April 9.	" G. U. Hampton		5 00
Jan. 24.	" Mt. Pleasant church		4 00
"	" D. R. Biles, H. L. F., Oct		5 00
"	" Spring Creek ch " "		25 00
"	" Cash collections " "		1 70
"	" Midway ch " "		1 00
"	" Spring Creek church " Nov.		14 50
"	" " " " "		20 75
"	" Cyress Creek church " "		4 75
"	" Bethel church " Dec		8 50
"	" Spring Creek church " "		26 50
April 13.	" Spring Creek church " Jan.		10 00
"	" Midway " "		1 00
"	" G. H. Logan " "		5 00
"	" Salem church " "		2 50
"	" Poplar Springs ch " Feb.		2 50
17.	" Abbeville church, per J. D. Andereen..		5 00
"	" Mt. Pisgah, per Mr. King		5 00
May 20.	" Liberty church		10 00
21.	" U. A. Temple		5 00
"	" G. W. Alford		5 00
"	" T. H. Wynn		3 00

	"	B. A. Anderson	1 00
	"	Mrs. L. Anderson	1 00
June	8. "	Bethel Church, pr John Short	1 25
	"	Mt. Pleasant church	1 25
	"	Salem church, per John Reed	3 00
	29. "	New Albany church	4 25
July	1. "	Pleasant Hill church	20 00
	7. "	Philadelphia congregation	8 25
	"	Fredonia church	10 00
Sept.	20 "	Mt. Pisgah church	2 75
	"	S. A. Webb	1 00
	"	Cash collection	10 70
	"	Mt. Pleasant church	5 40
	"	F. Souter	5 00
	"	Spring Hill church	5 00
	"	W. L. Souter	5 00
	"	Friendship church	5 00
	"	Shiloh church	1 00
	"	Poplar Springs church	3 00
	"	Temperance Hill church	5 00
	26 "	Amaziah church H. L. F.	2 00
	"	Mt. Pisgah church "	3 00
	"	Oclemeter church "	2 00
	"	Mt. Pleasant church "	3 00
	"	J. H. Morgan "	1 00
	"	Philadelphia church "	1 00
	"	D. R. Biles "	5 00
	"	Bro. Darden's childen "	50
	"	Bethel church "	8 50
	"	John Buse "	1 00
	"	G. A. Logan "	5 00
	"	Poplar Springs church "	2 00
	"	Midway church "	2 50
	"	Duncan's Creek church J. T. Pitts	5 00
	"	New Hope church "	5 00
Sept.	20. "	Collections for Foreign Missions	20 40
		Total	$496 45

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By amount paid to G. W. Leavell, Treasurer State Mission Board, at sundry times	476 05
By amount sent Dr. H. A. Tupper, Secretary Foreign Mission Board	20 40
Total	$496 45

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Shiloh Church, two miles South-west of Lafayette Springs, on Friday before the Third Sabbath in September, 1882. Thus closed one of the most interesting and harmonious sessions of the Chickasaw Association ever witnessed.

J. T. PITTS, Moderator.

JNO. W. POWELL, Clerk.

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Ordained Ministers.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.	NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
W. W. Finley	Toccopla.	J. H. Morgan	Bethlehem.
E. McGregory	Toccopola.	Wm. Langston	New Albany.
C. W. Smith	Toccopola.	B. B. Smith	Lafayette Springs.
G. W. Potter	Cherry Creek.	I. M. Gray	Cornersville.
J. T. Pitts	Cherry Creek.	W. L. Farmer	Cornersville.
D. C. M. Bigham	Cherry Creek.	J. R. Johnson	Abbeville.
I. Smith	Wallerville	H. Prichard	Walton.
R. E. Fowler	Beulah.	J. L. Fergurson	Randolph.
J. A. Johnson	Randolph.	H. L. Kidd	Esperanzie.
Thos. Gorley	Randolph.	A. J. Gains	Waterford.
J. P. Johnson	Randolph.	J. P. Rodgers	Waterford.
H. B. Vaughan	Liberty Hill.	D. E. Gambrell	Bethlehem.

Licentiates.

J. E. Murphey	Toccopola.	W. L. Mullins	Dallas
F. M. Ferrell	Toccopola.	P. P. Watts	Dallas
Wm. Miller	Oxford.	G. J. Robbins	Esperanzie
J. M. Cleaveland	New Albany.	W. N. Swain	Cornersville
J. M. Huckaby	Malino.	W. F. Butler	Hickory Flat
R. M. Bell	Pontotoc.	T. J. Verner	Randolph
R. E. Fowler	Pontotoc.	Bennett Tuter	Randolph

Order of Business.

1st. Call for Correspondence.
2d. Determine of holding the next session of this Association.
3d. Elect a minister to preach the Introductory at the next Association.
4th. Call for reports of Standing Committees, to.wit:
1. Domestic Missions,
2. Foreign Missions.
3. Sabbath.schools,
4. Education.
5. Mississippi College.
6 Temperance.
7. State of Religion.
5th. Report of Executive Board and appointment of same.
6th. Report on Finance.
7th. Report of Treasurer.
8th. Appoint Correspondents.
9th. Appoint Committees to report at our next Association on the following subjects:
1. Domestic Missions.
2. Foreign Missions.
3. Education.
4. Mississippi College.
5. Sabbath-schools.
6. Temperance.
7. State of Religion.
8. Documents and Publications.
10th. General Business and Resolutions.

Committees of Chickasaw Association, for 1882.

Committee on Domestic Missions—C. W. Smith, F. Souter and Simeon Hughes.

Committee on Foreign Missions—G. W. Potter, B. J. Caldwell, and J. H. Morgan.

Committee on Documents and Publications—Isaac Smith, I. M. Gray, and G, U. Hampton.

Committee on Education—D. C. M. Bigham, W. L. Souter, and J. D. Gambrell.

Committee on Mississippi College—W. W. Finley, N. M. Berry, Thomas Gorley.

Committee on Sabbath-schools—W. L. Farmer, J. T. Brown, G. A. Logan.

Committee on the State of Religion—W. L. Souter, H. Prichard, and E. Hale.

Committee on Obituaries—I. Smith, C. W. Smith, and J. Baker.

The Union Meeting of the First District, will meet with the Pleasant Hill church, five miles East of New Albany, Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1882. Eld. D. C. M. Bigham to preach the Introductory Sermon and S. M. Stewart, alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays on subjects in connection with their names.

Intemperance, S. M. Stewart; Brotherly Kindness, Jeff. A. Rodgers; Election, Eld. J. T. Pitts; Sanctification, Eld. G. W. Potter; Duties of Churches to the Poor, Bro. B. F. Leavell; Family Government, I. N. Dodds; Repentance, S. C. Darden; Faith, R. J. Pickens; Benevolence, I. Smith; Christian Influence, C. W. Smith; Prayer, W. L. Souter; Missions, N. M. Berry; Total Abstinence by Church members, M. L. Henry; Importance of Sunday-Schools, P. R. McReynolds; Practical Christianity, J. S. Brooks; Evidence of Christianity, T. D. Brandon.

No queries.

ELD. I. SMITH. Moderator.

R. PITTS, Clerk.

The Union Meeting of the Second District to meet with the Abbeville church, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in August, 1882. Eld. W. L. Farmer to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. C. W. Smith, alternate.

Essays.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays:

1. Election—C. W. Smith.
2. "The Christian's Hope"—P. P. Watts.
3. "A Gospel Church—what is it?"—G. E. Murphy.
4. "Are Sunday-Schools profitable to the churches?"—J. F. Ferguson.
5. "The best method of promoting Sunday-Schools."—F. M. Ferrell.
6. "The Duty of all Christians to support Missions."—Dr. J. R. Johnson.
7. "Who are the Baptists, and from whence came they."—W. W. Finley.
8. "On the duty of pastors to Indoctrinate their churches."—Thomas Gorley.
9. "On the duty of Exhortation."—Wm. Miller.
10. "On the Responsibility of the Ministry"—J. H. Morgan.
11. "On Ministerial Efficiency"—A. J. Gains.
12. "On Ministerial Deportment"—C. McGregory.
13. "On the Discouragements in the way of Ministerial Success"—W. L. Mullins.
14. "The Responsibilities of Deacons"—J. T. Short.
15. "On the best method of Raising the Pastors' support"—A. S. Crockett.
16. "The Utility of strict Discipline in our churches"—G. U. Hampton.
17. "On guarding against Heresy in the Pulpit"—G. A. Logan.

W. W. FINLEY, Ch'n.

Queries.

1. Is it expedient to practice pulpit affiliation?
2. Which first existed, the church or kingdom of Christ; and what is the door, and which is first entered?
3. What idea did Paul intend to convey in the 13th verse of the 8th chapter of 1st Corinthians.
4. What class did John allude to in 1st Epistle, general, of John, 2d chapter, latter part of 1st verse.
5. What is meant of being born of water, in John 3:5?

A. WILSON, Clerk.

ELD. THOS. GORLEY, Moderator.

CONSTITUTION.

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ARTICLE 1. This Associaton shall be called the "CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2. It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the representative churches belonging to this Union.

ART. 3. The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of the Association, present the letters specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4. Every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, and then one for each hundred above that number.

ART. 5. Churches of this union failing to represent themselves at one Association will be expected to state the reason of their failure at the next; and if any church fail for three successive meetings, the Association may consider such church as dropped from its number, or shall have power to send a committee to inquire into its state, or proceed as the Association may deem most advisable.

ART. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen at each anual meeting so soon as letters from the churches are read and members names enrolled, provided, however, that nothing in this article be so construed as to prohibit churches petitioning for union with us from voting by their delegates for Moderator and Clerk.

ART. 8. This Association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches. It shall, however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may withdraw from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 9. The Association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such funds as they may think proper, either for foreign or domestic missions, for the Bible, or any other benevolent institution, and the Association may appoint one or more to take charge of the same, and forward them as they may be designated, and report to the next Association.

ART. 10. Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle may call help from other churches, or may present the case to this body for advice. Such cases must be presented in the letter of correspondence, stating the reason why it has not or could not be decided by the church.

ART. 11. If any church should have a difficulty with a sister church, we recommend said church to take the gospel steps as directed in Matthew

18th, and no difficulty will be entertained by this Association until such steps are taken.

ART. 12. When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, we recommend them to call to their aid from two or more churches the ministers, and such other members as the church may deem most suitable, to examine the individuals, and, if thought advisable, to authorize such a member or members to preach the gospel, which shall be reported to the Association and entered on the minutes.

ART. 13. Any church having a gift she deems worthy of ordination, shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; and all Presbyteries; in the ordination of ministers and deacons, or in constituting churches, shall be governed by the abstract principles of this Association.

ART. 14. The Association may correspond by letter and delegates with the Baptist Convention of this State, and with such Associations as she may deem most conducive to the general interest of Zion.

ART. 15. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the session rises. No Association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

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Rules of Decorum.

ART. 1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present by private ballot.

ARR. 3. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members but not to vote, unless his vote be necessarry to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, and while speaking shall not be interupted, unless he depart from the subject or make personal reflections.

ART. 7. No person shall speak more than once upon any subject, until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8. Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and Association.

ART. 9. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. "But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority."

ART. 10. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

ART. 11. The appellation "brother" shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 12. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to reproval by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been committed.

ART. 13. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

Abstract of Principles.

I.—OF THE SCRIPTURES.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author salvation for its end and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinion should be tried.

II.—OF THE TRUE GOD.

That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

III.—OF THE FALL OF MAN.

That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but, by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God wholly given to the gratification of the world, of satan and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse.

IV.—OF THE WAY OF SALVATION.

That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death; being risen from the dead, is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and all-sufficient Saviour.

V.—OF JUSTIFICATION.

That the great gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in him, is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life, on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his own redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

VI.—OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

That the blessings of salavation are made free to all by the gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth except his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to aggravated condemnation.

VII.—OF GRACE IN REGENERATION.

That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated, or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our conprehension or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

VIII.—OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE.

That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertained by its effects in all who believe the gospel; is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to assertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

IX.—OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS.

That such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

X.—HARMONY OF THE LAW AND GOSPEL.

That the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arise entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of this visible church.

XI.—OF A GOSPEL CHURCH.

That a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing

the ordinances of Christ. governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are Bishops, or Pastors and Deacons whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the epistles to Timothy and Titus.

XII.—OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER.

That Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Savior, with purifying power; that it is pre-requisite to the privilege of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of the bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

XIII.—OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.

That the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for the rest which remaineth for the people of God.

XIV.—OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored and obeyed; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

XV.—OF THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.

That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as, through faith, are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all snch as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

XVI.—OF THE WORLD TO COME.

That the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the aighteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of rigteousness.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.
Amaziah	W. E. Berry	Cornersville
Abbeville	J. D. Anderson	Abbeville
Bethel, L. C.	W. W. Finley	Denmark
Bluff Springs	Thomas Gorley	Denmark
Bethel, U. C.	G. J. Robbins	Esperanzie
Cypress Creek	G. C. Pritchard	Liberty Hill
Cherry Creek	D. C. M. Bigham	Cherry Creek
Cairy Springs	E. McGregor	Randolph
Duncan's Creek	J. T. Pitts	Toccopola
Friendship	C. W. Lmith	Cherry Creek
Fredonia	C. W. Smith	Fredonia
Liberty	D. J. Austin	Vairview
Mt. Pleasant	G. W. Potter	Wallerville
Mt. Pisgah	I. Smith	Cornersville
Midway	J. L. Johnson	Caswell
New Hope	J. T. Pitts	Unknown
New Albany	G. W. Potter	New Albany
Oak Grove	I. Smith	Myrtle
Poplar Springs	W. W. Finley	Delay
Pleasant Ridge	A. B. Smith	Unknown
Pleasant Hill	I. Smith	Boonville
Philadelphia	W. W. Finley	Walton
Piney Grove	Thomas Gorley	Toccopola
Pleasant Dale	H. B. Vaughan	Liberty Hill
Spring Hill	W. F. Davis	Pontotoc
Shiloh	W. W. Finley	Lafayette Springs
Shady Grove	H. L. Kidd	Esperanzie
Salem	L. Ball	Cornersville
Spring Creek	W. L. Farmer	Waterford
Temperance Hill		Holly Springs
Toccopola	C. W. Smith	Toccopola
Union	C. W. Smith	Dallas
Zion Hill	I. M. Gray	New Albany
Enon	L. Ball	Bethlehem

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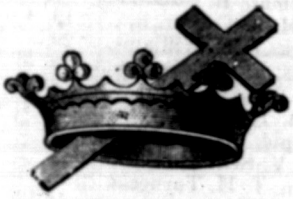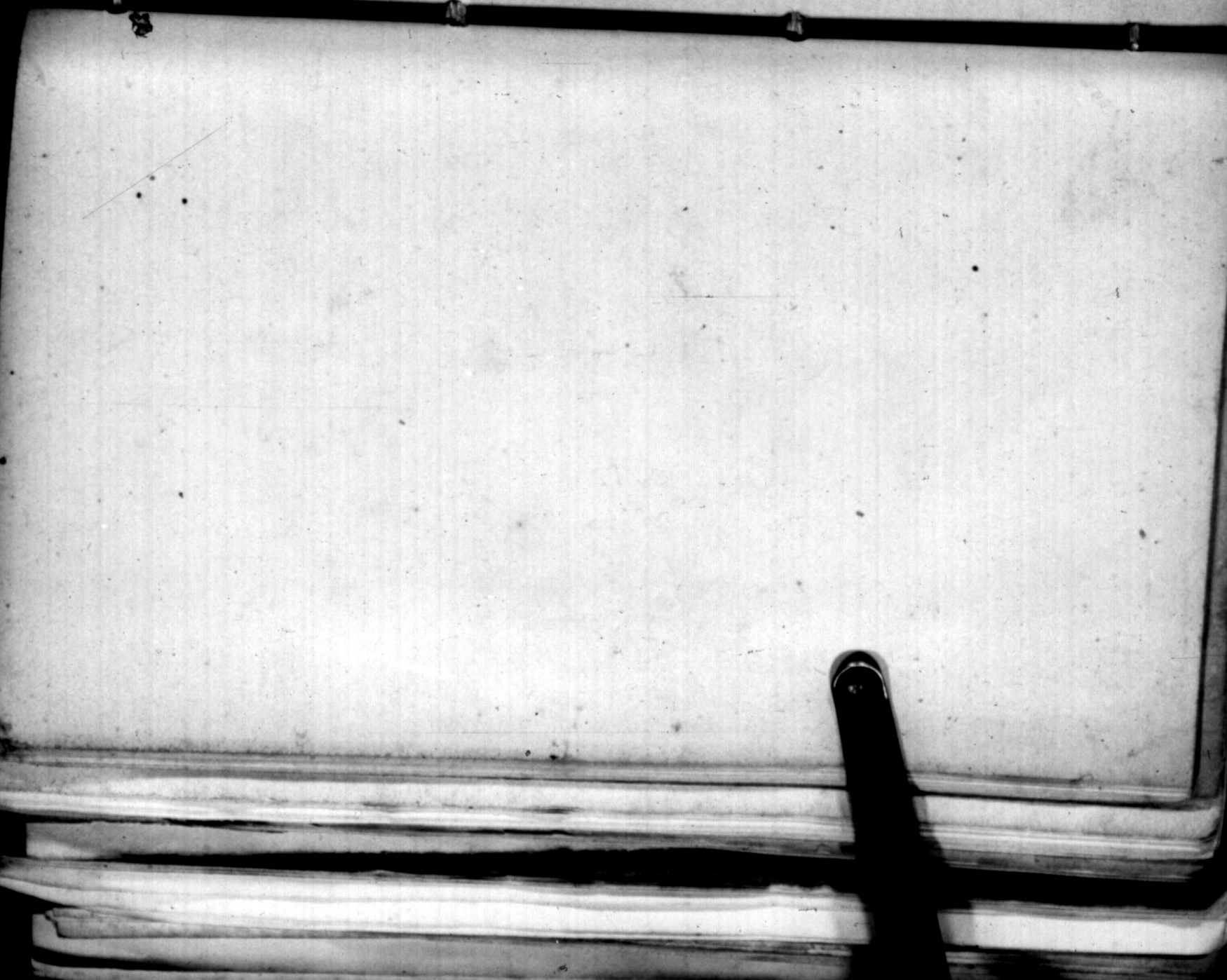
NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Rec. by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Died.	Total in Fellowship.	Time meeting.
L. M. Baker, James Brady, W. L. Farmer..	7	1	1	...	8	...	80	4
D. A. McEachin, J. B. Smith, G. A. Logan.	5	2	3	...	5	...	94	3 & 4
P. H. Bomgardner, W. J. Beard. J. W. Crow	2	1	...	..	2	2	68	2
J. P. Hasting, Wm. Miller, E. Avery.....	3	1	...	...	2	1	46	3
G. J. Robbins, J. S. Dyson, U. F. Robbins...	13	1	...	2	3	1	83	1
A. J. Goolby, J. C. Barry, R. P. McElvany.	.....	...	1	...	...	2	41	1
J. T. Pitts, G. W. Potter, D. C. M. Bigham.	9	8	...	...	1	1	159	2
J. T. Ferguson, E. McGregor, Jas. Taylor...	2	9	...	...	5	2	53	4
M. A. Patterson, Jno. Pitman, R. Swain.....	5	4	...	...	.....	1	29	4
W. L. Souter, T. Smith, M. McCarver.....	10	4	...	...	4	1	61	1
R. A. Langston, Wm. Parks, S. C. Williams..	20	...	1	...	2	1	94	4
B. J. Caldwell, W. C. Pitts, P. D. Brandon...	18	3	1	2	5	1	81	2
I. Smith, D. E. Mitchell, Wm. Wilkins.....	4	4	...	...	7	2	128	1
Wm. Hancock, A. Martin, H. Marshall.....	13	1	3	...	5	5	93	2
John Buse, U. A. Temple, A. Anderson	5	2	...	1	.....	...	39	3
H. Pitts, R. M. Belle, E. V. Seal.....	2	1	1	...	5	2	104	1
J. A. Hill, Wm. Langston, T. H. Turner.....	.....	4	...	...	6	2	70	.....
W. N. Swain, Wm. Hale, I. M. Gray.....	14	10	1	...	5	1	98	1
S. Hughes, Jno. W. Powell. S. A. Hughes...	.....	3	...	1	12	...	38	1
F. M. Gober, J. E. McCorley, J. G. McElroy	2	7	1	...	.....	7	143	1
T. B. Payne, J. M. Patterson, J. S. Brooks	4	6	...	...	14	1	170	4
J. Baker, A. S. Crocket, Wm. Gray.....	1	2	...	2	3	1	74	1
T. Gorley, T. J. Wesmoreland, R. L. Skinner	.....	1	...	...	3	...	38	1
H. B. Vaughan, E. L. Garrett, J. E. Sulivan	2	1	...	...	1	...	22	4
W. C. Crawford, F. G. Nance, J. C. Collins	9	2	...	...	2	1	70	3
G. U. Hampton, J. Hubbard, W. H. Gray...	10	3	5	1	4	...	88	3
H. L. Kidd, J. B. Dyson, J. E. Browning...	.....	2	...	...	...	...	58	2
H. H. Kirk, J. B. Rhew, B. W. Blackard....	15	4	...	...	14	1	103	.....
A. J. Gains, S. D. Bonds, H. D. Blaylock...	10	...	...	1	4	...	98	.....
A. Boatright, J. E. Boatright, A. J. Marshal	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	8	.....
W. W. Finley, C. W. Smith, Frank Souter	.....	8	1	...	1	...	89	2
A. E. Harwell, Oron Brown, W. J. Dickson	25	16	...	7	.....	...	82	3
J. M. Cleavland. J. W. Tate, Thos. Wood...	4	...	1	...	.....	...	5	3
J H. Morgan, D. E. Gambrell, C. Morgan	3	...	...	...	.....	...	17	3
	215	91	20	17	123	36	2569